

BRATTLEBORO



THE BRATTLEBORO CREAMERY.

BRATTLEBORO CREAMERY CO.

Butter Manufacturers. At Centerville about one mile from the center of the town is the Brattleboro Creamery. Here four men are employed to gather each day the cream produced by farmers for miles around bringing it here to have it converted into butter. It is a co-operative creamery and is conducted entirely in the interest of the milk producers, the expense to them being the actual cost of operations. This being the center of an extensive dairy belt the operations are large and aggregate an annual product of 250,000 pounds. The building was erected especially for their use and is admirably arranged for the conduct of the business. An unlimited supply of pure, fresh spring water aids materially in their producing



CARL S. HOPKINS'S CHILDREN.

a superior quality of butter. They have a full equipment of modern and improved apparatus and every requisite for facilitating business. Three men are required at the creamery. The product finds a market at Springfield, Worcester, Boston and eastern cities. The officers of the company are J. G. Stafford president, W. H. Brackett treasurer and M. R. Micott manager. Mr. Stafford has been president for four years and is a large patron of the creamery having a fine stock farm about a mile away. Mr. Brackett the treasurer is cashier of the People's National bank. Mr. Micott gives all his time to managing the creamery.

CARL S. HOPKINS.

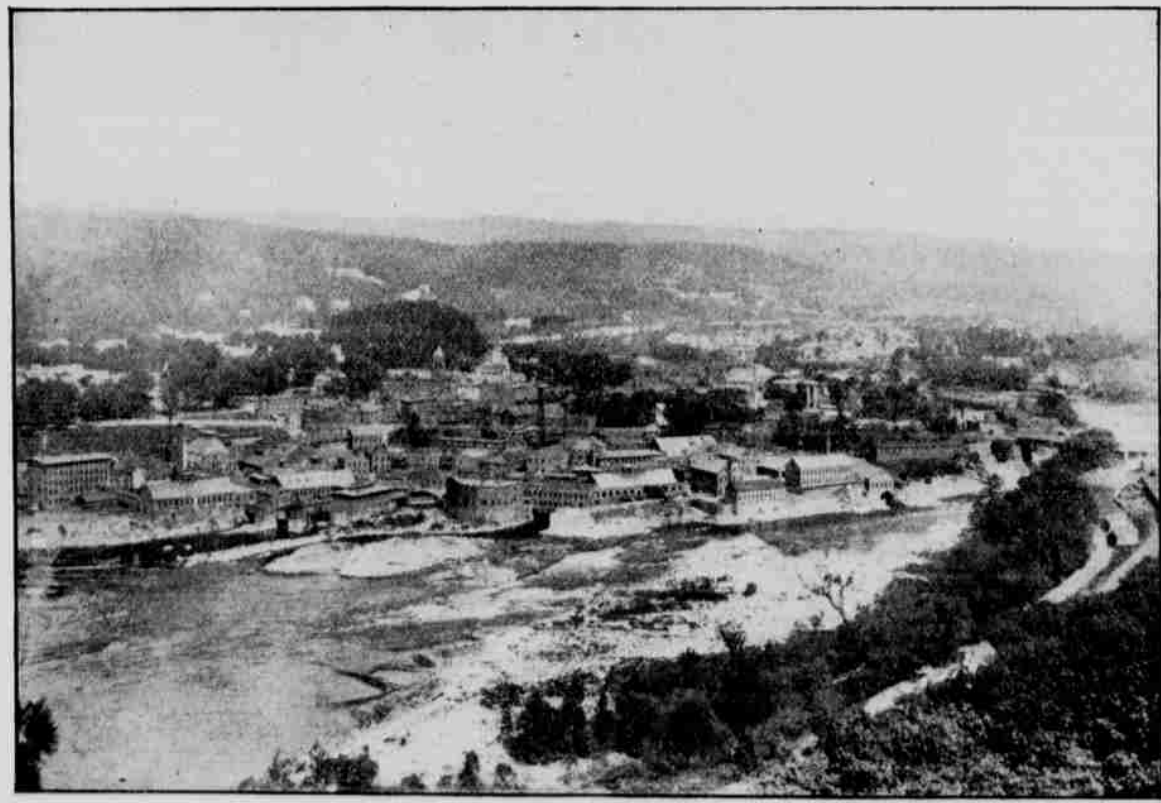
Seedsman and Nurseryman, Western avenue. Out on the street car line to West Brattleboro are the store-rooms and seed house of Mr. Carl S. Hopkins, who during the nine years of his residence here

has built up a thriving and prosperous business. He imports from England, Germany and France the best varieties of flower and garden seeds and propagates them upon Vermont soil thus acclimating them and obtaining a superior product for growth in New England. He contracts with farmers in the nearby counties for much of his stock, furnishing the parent seed himself. Mr. Hopkins is a native of Salem, N. J., and for a number of years was employed by a leading nursery stock grower of Rochester, N. Y. He now handles all kinds of fruit, flowering and ornamental trees, but gives special attention to his seed business which aggregates about \$10,000 a year and gives employment to six assistants. He is a prominent member of the grange and was master of the local

AMERICAN HOUSE.

This comfortable little hostelry is situated midway of the principal business street of Brattleboro and for years has been known as one of the towns most popular hotels. It has modern improvements and about twenty well furnished rooms. The principal feature of the hotel is the table which is always supplied with the luxuries of the season. Many of the business men get their meals here and the dining room is always comfortably filled. The regular transient rate is \$2.00 per day. Mr. C. C. Miller, the manager has had a number of years experience and has shown in his conduct of the American that he knows just how a hotel should be conducted.

BELLOWS FALLS



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF BELLOWS FALLS.

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This important industrial and picturesque village is situated about thirty miles north of the Massachusetts line on the Connecticut river and is famed for scenic effects and the production of pulp paper. Here the river has a fall of about fifty feet and with a huge dam and a system of canals over 7000 horse power or according to the standard lower down on the river 12,000 horse power is obtained during the entire year. As an abundant supply of water is an indispensable requisite for paper making Bellows Falls is the most fortunate in this respect of any of Vermont's towns. As will be seen by the engraving, numerous large and expensive buildings have been erected, and the growth of timber along the river banks to the Canadian border is taxed to the utmost to supply the demand for raw material. But the great mills kept going night and day the year round except Sundays furnish remunerative employment to thousands and are a source of revenue to all who live within the borders of the town. But not alone do paper mills thrive here. There are a number of industrial enterprises mentioned at length in the following articles, that of themselves would maintain the reputation of Bellows Falls as a great manufacturing center. The village proper is peculiarly situated, all the mills, stores and business buildings are

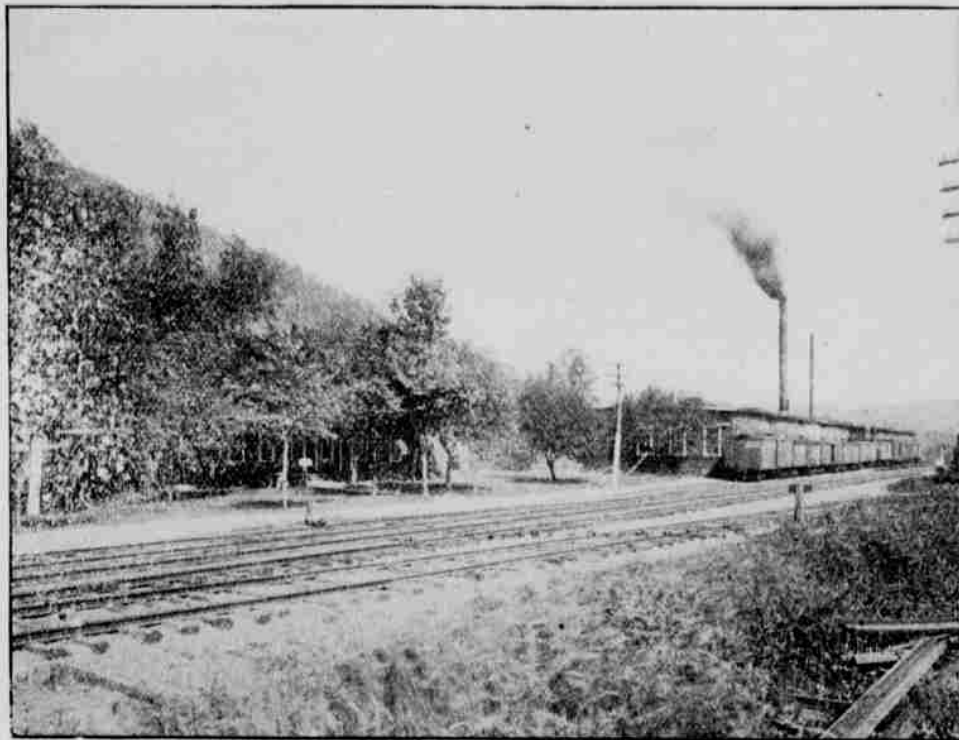
SAXTON'S RIVER WOOLEN MILLS.

During the past three years remarkable improvements have been made here. In 1898 Messrs. S. L. Heck and Louis Rittenberger bought the property from Alexan-

der Smith & Co., which then had two sets of cards and eight looms. They renewed every part of the mill, put in new water wheels and steam, their engine being one hundred horse power. They purchased the best modern machinery and now have four sets of cards and twenty-two broad looms. They have built on to the mill to accommodate the new machinery. They make fancy cashmeres which are marketed in New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and the large cities of the country through their own offices at 50 Leonard street, New York. They give employment to about ninety hands and have the principal industry of this village. Mr. John Howe is superintendent of the mill and has been with the company since they started. Mr. Rittenberger is the resident agent while Mr. Heck attends to the New York department of their business.

CASEIN COMPANY OF AMERICA.

Manufacturers of Paints, Stains and Chemicals. Capital \$6,500,000. President, W. A. Hall; treasurer, August Belmont; first vice president, Isaac L. Rice; second vice president and superintendent, Cushing Adams. Rivalling in importance and magnitude of capital and output of the immense paper interests of Bellows Falls is the industry controlled by the above named corporation. The plant here is the keystone of a commercial structure that stands as a monument to the enterprise, sagacity and skill of American capitalists and to the erection of which many parts of the country have been called upon to contribute. Besides the big plant and extensive offices here the company has offices in New York and Chicago and regular manufacturing plants at Bainbridge, Md.; St. Charles, Ill.; Adams, N. Y.; Antwerp, N. Y.; Chester, N. Y.; and Miranda, Ill.



BELLOWS FALLS WORKS AND OFFICES OF THE CASEIN CO. OF AMERICA.

There are also about 20 depot stations at different points throughout the country. At the local establishment about 150 people are given employment while at the combined plants under control of the company a large number are employed. This company was formed in April, 1900, succeeding William A. Hall, who is at the head of the present enterprise and who founded the business in 1893. It has the whole world as a field for the disposition of its product. A wonderful growth has been witnessed since incorporation and the names of the men who guide the company's affairs form a guarantee of continuity in the march toward commercial supremacy. William A. Hall, the president, though long a resident of Bellows Falls, is a native of the old Bay State. His success has been marked and is best attested to perhaps by the fact that his works attracted outside capital

trains and coffee's guests to and from the hotel. It is a substantial brick structure, facing on Rockingham street, is high and has forty-four sleeping rooms, all comfortably fitted up. The office, dining and writing rooms are conveniently located on the ground floor.



JOHN ROBERTSON.

Modern methods of heating and lighting were long ago introduced. The rates are \$2 a day and upwards and the house enjoys an enviable reputation among commercial and traveling men. Its proprietor believes in and observes the prohibitory law and the house is conducted

accordingly. Mr. Lovell is a native of Bellows Falls and that he enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen is demonstrated by the fact that he has been many public offices during his nearly 60 years of life here. A first class livery stable is an appreciated auxiliary to the hotel and this also is under the supervision of Mr. Lovell. L. T. Moulton is the head clerk of the Rockingham and there is a pleasing good-fellowship about his treatment of guests that wins friends for the house.

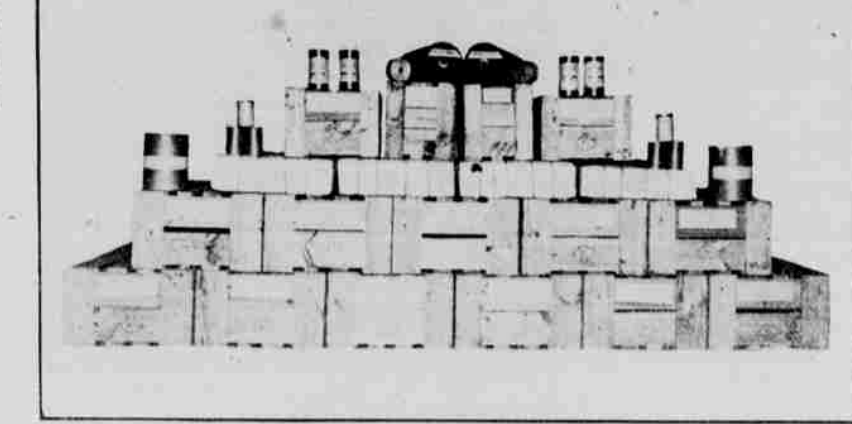
FRANK ADAMS & CO.

Grist Mill and Dealers in Feed and Grain, Mill street, Bellows Falls. This old mill has ground the grists for farmers hereabouts for upwards of seventy years and its wheels still have a capacity of a thousand bushels a day. Horace Adams, father of the present proprietor bought it in 1875 and at his death which occurred in 1883 his son Frank assumed the management. Aside from



FRANK ADAMS.

purchasing the grain offered by local farmers they buy from the west in car lots and always have a large supply of meal, feed and grain. They make shipments up and down the Connecticut river



COY & BABCOCK'S WAX PAPER, READY FOR SHIPMENT.

that the firm dissolved though. Mr. C. E. Robertson had lived here some time previously. The mill is a substantial brick structure and equipped with a large cylinder machine which is run exclusively on high grade tissue manilla, the product finding a ready sale in New York and the large cities of the country. It is kept running night and day and turns out daily two tons of the finished product, giving employment to seventeen hands. Mr. C. E. Robertson was born at Putney and early became associated with his father. His son, Louis J., now takes an active part in the management of the mill and is a valuable aid in the conduct of the business.

FRANK ADAMS GRIST MILL.

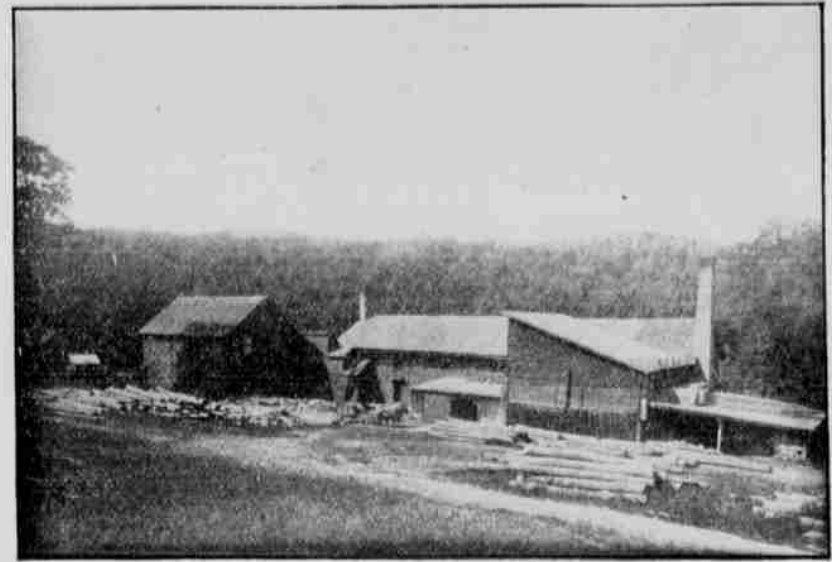
as well as east and west supplying dealers. Five men and two teams are required operating the mill and it is always a busy place. Mr. Adams is a native of Alabastro, N. H., and was raised to the business being skilled and competent in every department.

SIDNEY GAGE & CO.

Manufacturers of Oak and Ash Splint Baskets, Sidney Gage and Ada Gage. That pretty suburb of Bellows Falls, known as Gageville has been built up almost wholly through the enterprise and

operations of this company, which has attained such proportions that they now produce more handmade baskets than any other concern in the United States. The business was founded in 1812 by William E. Gage and his brother, B. F. Gage, who developed it to extensive proportions, but it remained for the present proprietor to bring the product to a state of perfection that gives to the Gage baskets a universal reputation. The materials for their construction are carefully selected and properly prepared under the direction of skillful men, but

is made in all weights from the finest tissues of twelve pounds to the coarsest up to 20 pounds. The daily output ranges from two and a half to ten tons, their annual business aggregating \$120,000, and they give employment to fifteen hands. They have established a trade which not only embraces all parts of the United States, but a considerable portion of their product is exported. This is a branch of trade that has almost unlimited possibilities and Bellows Falls was extremely fortunate in having it locate here. The members of the firm are S.



SIDNEY GAGE & CO.'S BASKET WORKS.

much of the success of the Gage basket is due to labor saving devices invented by members of the family. The buildings utilized were erected especially for the business in 1882 and consist of main workshop 40x80, three stories in height, another 30x36, two stories and two others used for storerooms. They make to order any style or shape basket that may be desired and keep in stock the various sizes of fish, cracker, clothes, market and general business baskets, round, square or oblong, with and without covers, handsomely finished, strong, substantial and durable. They have complete illustrated catalogues which may be had on application. Mr. Sidney Gage who has personally conducted the bus-

T. Coy and Bruce Babcock. Mr. Coy is an experienced and prominent paper manufacturer, while Mr. Babcock is an expert in this special line. That they are producing a most reliable and desirable quality of stock is evidenced by the growth of their business within a period of less than two years.

FRANCIS A. BOLLES.

The town clerk of Bellows Falls whose portrait appears herewith is a native of Rockingham, born in 1843. Like many Vermonters who have attained prominence and distinction his early days

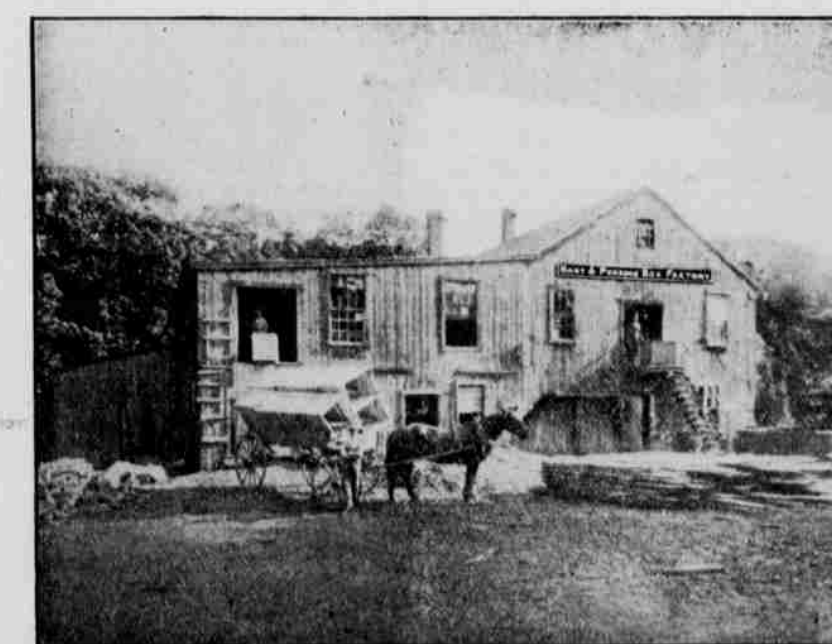


F. A. BOLLES, TOWN CLERK, BELLOWS FALLS.

ness since 1881 is a prominent son of the Green Mountain state. He represented his district in the legislature in 1882, serving on important committees, is a trustee of the Savings bank and has large real estate interests in his native town. He takes an active interest in all matters were spent on a farm. After completing a common school education he taught for several terms and attended the Chester Academy and Green Mountain Institute. He graduated from Tufts college in 1879 and the same year came to Bellows Falls and commenced the study of law with Hon. C. B. Eddy, being admitted to the bar in 1873, since that time he has practiced here. He was elected to the legislature in 1882 and was state attorney for Windham county from 1884 to 1886. Since March, 1872, he has been chosen successively clerk for Rockingham township, the most positive evidence of his popularity and fidelity. He is a republican in politics, a member of the Masonic fraternity and has held many positions of trust. His son Almon F. Bolles, has been admitted to the bar and is now associated with him in the practice of law under the firm name of Bolles & Bolles.

HART & PERSONS.

Manufacturers of Boxes, Interior and Exterior Finish. Just off Westminster street at the south end of town in the factory conducted for many years by Hart & Bigelow, is the works now conducted by O. W. Hart and J. W. Persons. Here they have all kinds of wood-working machinery, planers, matchers, saws, etc., and are principally engaged in getting out the heavy, solid boxes used by the paper mills. They also fill orders and get out house finish of all kinds, balusters, cornices, mouldings, railings, wainscoting, window and door frames, etc., and keep in stock an exceptionally desirable line of their own manufacture, giving employment to eight men.



HART & PERSONS BOX FACTORY.

has become almost indispensable and on July 1, 1899 this firm commenced its manufacture here. They equipped the plant with special apparatus and machinery for waxing the surface after which it is run onto large rolls and from there to the various cutting and rolling machines to prepare it for commercial use. Their equipment is such that they can supply waxed paper of all sizes and widths to suit the convenience of consumers. It

The gentlemen in charge are exceptionally well experienced for work of this kind. Mr. Hart has been engaged for twelve years and for four years was a partner with Mr. Bigelow in the business. Last spring he formed a partnership with Mr. Persons who had also had experience in the lumber business and by both devoting their entire time and energy to the plant they are making a decided success.